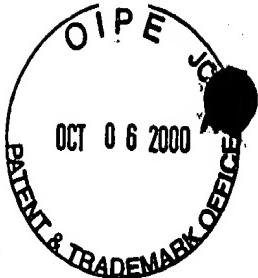


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## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Please make the following change to the Specification.

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS:

Page 14, delete lines 14-16 and insert in place thereof:

Figure 7A shows the inhibitory effect upon TeTx stimulated inhibition of Ca<sup>++</sup>-dependent

neurotransmitter release of preincubating cerebellar cells with the nicked E234A mutant TeTx.

Figure 7B shows the inhibitory effect upon TeTx stimulated inhibition of Ca<sup>++</sup>-dependent

neurotransmitter release of preincubating cerebellar cells with the unnickled E234A mutant TeTx.

No new matter is added as a result of this amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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